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**T**He 25th of this Instant *April* be-  
gan the Sessions at Justice-hall  
in the *Old-Bayly*. The remar-  
kable Occurrences there, were  
as follows :

A fellow of a good Name, but poor Con-  
dition, and worse Quality, was Convicted for  
laying an Embargo on a man whom he met on  
the Road, by bidding him *Stand and Deliver*,  
but to little purpose : for the Traveller had  
no more Money than a Capuchin, but told  
him, all the treasure he had was a pound of

Tobacco, which he civilly surrendred ; and the pitiful Padder to verifie the Proverb, and play at small Games rather than be idle, accepted. Being violently taken from his person on the Road, this in strict Law was death ; but the Court mixing Mercie with Justice, was pleased to set him by before Condemnation.

A young fellow abusing the Trust reposed in him by a Person of Quality, whom he had the honour to serve, had most ingratiously and treacherously robb'd him of Jewels, Money, &c. to the value of Twelve hundred pounds ; and intending, it seems, to spend it abroad for acquiring some French Accomplishments, was taken on board a Ship at *Portsmouth*. He pleaded guilty, and begging the favour of Clergy, had it very fully bestow'd upon him. All or most part of the Prize was refunded, and the ingenious Gentleman had only a signal Mark left him of all his booty.

A woman, whose age might have promised more Chastity and prudence, being privately deli-

delivered of a Bastard-childe, made shift, by her wickedness, to deprive the poor Infant of that life she had contributed to by her wantonness. She pretended it came by its untimely end, by falling from her body on the floor whilst she unhumanely went from the bed towards the door; but she concealing it above a week under her Pillow, the Law justly Condemn'd her as a wilful Murtheress.

An old Offender having lately, with two of his Female Confederates, stolen a piece of Stuff from a Gentleman in *Ludgate-street*, had the impudence, within two days, to take their progress again by the same shop, and being known, he was apprehended, and now Convicted; and having formerly received the civility of the *Warm Iron*, was Condemned to die.

A man for Personating another, and in his Name entring into a Recognizance, was convicted of Felony; and truly was so far inexcusable, since another for the like offence but two Sessions ago was Condemn'd and carried to Execution, though under the Gallows he met



a gracious Reprieve. However, in this Case the Crime being committed only before a Justice of Peace, it was some doubt, whether within the Statute, which makes it Capital; and so the Court waved Sentencing him to die, discreetly inclining in dubious Cases to favour rather than severity.

The next was a Case wholly extraordinary; and as it was the first President of Punishment on that most necessary Statute against cutting off Noses, disfiguring and maiming his Majesties Subjects; so in the Circumstances, for Malice, Cruelty, and Barbarity, it exceeds all the Presidents of former Ages.

A young man of *Enfield*, being Fellow-servant with a very pretty young maid, pretended Love to her; but meeting with a Repulse, he consults his Sister, who advised him to get to bed to her, and get her with Childe, and then leave her. This She-devil's Counsel, it seems, the Maid's Vertue hindred him from putting in execution; and therefore finding all his hopes like to wither, they  
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take new measures : There was no body in Family but these two and an aged Master and Mistress, who being both in bed, on the 20th of *February* last, as this innocent Virgin and her treacherous Sweet-heart were sitting together, his own Brother and Sister came and knock'd and call'd him by his name, who open'd the door and let them in ; but no sooner were they entred, but this Sister, more like a Fiend than a Woman, fell upon this harmless Maid, and with a Knife, whilst the other Brother held her, and in a most inhumane manner cut out one of her Eyes, the sight whereof she has lost ; cut her Nose towards the upper part so desperately, that two bones, produced in Court, were since taken out of it ; her Lips they slash'd so, that with much difficulty, and not yet perfectly, she can use them in speech ; two of her Teeth they beat out ; gave her a lamentable wound in the Neck, and two stabs, besides a great wound in the Arm ; all which was testified by the Chirurgeon : and so leaving her thus mangled as dead, went home ; after which the pretended Sweet-heart runs up stairs, wakes his Master and Mistress, cries out Thieves ; the Neighbours come in, send for a Surgeon : The fellow, to colour his Villainy, pretends to have been knock'd down, and complains of a blow on his forehead, but inconsiderable. After some days the Maid comes to her self, and declares the Authors of this Cruelty : One of the Criminals flies, but was afterwards taken. No theft appeared to have been committed ; so that it being,

being evident that it was a premeditated act of Malice to render her deform'd and unfit for any bodies Addresses, because she would not consent to his desires, all three of them were found guilty within the Statute, which makes such barbarous Assaults Felony without Clergy, and so deservedly received Sentence of Death.

Here was expectation of the Tryal of a Midwife for taking up a Childe out of its Grave, &c. but for some reasons it was put off. Also a horrid Murther was in Easter-week committed in the Hay-market by *Charing-cross*, where a Hackney-Coachman falling out with his Wife about their Horses going to work, in his devilish fury got up a Fire fork, and therewith stabb'd her into the head and several parts of the body, of which wounds, after neer a weeks languishing, she died, and by the Coroners Inquest on the 26th instant it was found wilful Murther; but the Husband immediately after the blows given, made his escape, and is not since heard of.

There were in all Nine persons, Six men and Three women, Condemn'd; Nine Burn'd in the Hand; and Six, for petty Larceny, to be Whip'd at the Carts Tayl.

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